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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #228 (electronic)**

Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes

SECTION I: General Resource References

C. Maps
The eight-digit hydrologic unit maps and key found under **Hydrologic Maps** have been reviewed and are up to date.

Technical questions should be directed to Sean Duffey, Water Resources Coordinator/Geologist, at (517) 324-5247.

G. Michigan Technical Notes
The **Forestry Technical Note #27, Direct Seeding Tree and Shrub Establishment**, has been updated to include the following changes:

- An application summary for direct seeding of hard mast tree species has been included;
- Data from an experiment in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has been incorporated.

Technical questions should be directed to John Leif, Rose Lake Plant Materials Center Manager, at (517) 642-6300.

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DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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SECTION II: Natural Resources Information

A. Soils Information
Soils information for each county has been reviewed and found to be up to date. County lists for the following soils interpretations have been noted as reviewed in FOTG except for the following counties: Alger, Benzie-Manistee, Gogebic, Keweenaw, Marquette, Luce, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft:

- **Cropland Interpretations – Interpretive Groups**
- **Wildlife Interpretations**

The **Irrigation Groups and Irrigation Intake Family Descriptions** have been removed from each county file and placed as one statewide list in the folder **Introduction to Soils Data**

Cropland Interpretations CSP Data for each county have been archived.

The **Soils Section II Table of Contents** is out of date and has been deleted.

Technical questions should be directed to Will Bowman, State Soil Scientist, at (517) 324-5241.

D. Threatened and Endangered Species Lists
The web link to the **Federal List** of Threatened and Endangered Species has been updated.

Technical questions should be directed to Chris Reidy, State Biologist, at (517) 324-5267.

E. Ecological Site Descriptions
The weblink to the **Ecological Site Information System (ESIS)** has been updated.

Technical questions can be directed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

G. Invasive Plant Species List
The **Invasive Plant Species List** has been updated. The updates include:

- List of invasive plants expanded
- Invasive plants listed by major ecoregions and risk of invasion
- References updated.

Technical questions should be directed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

SECTION IV: Standards and Specifications

L. Technical Tools
The following references have been added to the **Nutrient Management** folder under Nutrient Management References. They are for use with CSP Michigan Enhancement Supplements:

- Minnesota Extension Bulletin 5886, "Nutrient Management for Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Crops in Minnesota, pages 32-36;
- MSU Extension Bulletin E2779, "Nitrogen Management for Michigan Potatoes";
- SARE publication, "Managing Cover Crops Profitably" 3rd Edition, page 67.

Technical questions regarding Nutrient Management References should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

SECTION V: Conservation Effects

C. Effects for Decision Making
The following **Producer Experiences** have been reviewed and are up to date:

- Forest Case Study
- Residue Management Case Study
- Prescribed Grazing Case Study

Technical questions regarding Producer Experience Case Studies should be directed to June Moss, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

Questions regarding eFOTG content management should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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